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Document D relates to an injection pump injection quantity measurement device. Document E relates to an electronically controlled flow measuring and dosing instrument. Document F relates to a device and method for measuring the injected-fuel quantity of injection systems. Document G relates to a device for instantaneous ad hoc analysis of an injection flow. Document H relates to a fuel injection quantity measuring apparatus. Document I relates to small quantities of fuel metering method for injection. Document J relates to an electromagnetically controlled volume measurer for diesel injection pump. Document K relates to a test unit for fuel injection pump. Their relevance is believed to be clear from the specification. Accordingly, no further comment with regard to the disclosures of these documents is believed to be required.

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	E	DE 1 798 080	10-18-1973	Pierburg		✓
	F	WO 02/054038 A2	07-11-2002	Robert Bosch		✓
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